उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) नौवीं योजना के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री रोजगार योजना कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत 20 लाख शिक्षित बेरोजगारों को सहायता देने का एक प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। जैसे ही नौवीं योजना के प्रस्तावों को अंतिम रूप दिया जायेगा, लक्ष्यों को निर्धारित कर दिया जायेगा।

(ख) यह मामला प्रस्ताव की अवस्था में है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Job creation under PMRY

961.SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to news-item in "Pioneer" dated 12th February, 1997 captioned "States urged to gear up for job creation under PMRY";

(b) the performance of PMRY so far;

(c) the number of beneficiaries who have obtained assistance under PMRY in 1995-96;

(d) whether selection of people under the PMRY leaves much to be desired; and

(e) the steps proposed to streamline this programme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item dated 12th February, 1997.

(b) The performance of PMRY is satisfactory so far.

(c) As per the reports from States/UTs during 1995-96 the number of beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans is 2,99,298. Of these, in 199205 cases, disbursement of loan has already taken place.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Improving Yojana implementation is a continuous process. The scheme is reviewed at the district, state and central level from time to time.

Setting up of National Infrastructure Alliance

962. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Infrastructure Alliance (NIA) with private sector participation to shape various policies of Government;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the details of infrastructure industries so identified by Government;

(d) whether it is proposed to finance these industries out of 300 million dollars offered by the IDB; and

(e) if so, the details of investments proposed to be made in various industries in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Government.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Decrease in profits of public and private sector

963. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many public and private sector units face a slide in their profits during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of such public and private sector units;

(c) the reasons for the lower profits in these units; and

(d) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Since 1991-92 till 1994-95, upto which period audited information is available, there has been constant increase in the ratio of profitability of Central Public Sector Undertakings as a whole, in relation to the capital employed therein. No assessment has been made by the Government on the return on capital employed and profitability thereupon in the private sector.

Jute packing of cement

964. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Advisory Committee of Experts (SACE) have submitted their recommendations in regard to jute packing of cement;

(b) if so, the recommendations thereof; and

(c) the action proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Standing Advisory Committee has recently submitted its recommendations to the Ministry of Textiles regarding packaging not only of cement but foodgrains, sugar and urea also in jute packaging material. Its recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

Production in the heavy industries sector

965. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the total production in the heavy industries sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the share of heavy industries in the total exports of the country;

(d) the average number of persons employed in the said industries during the last three years alongwith the details of capital invested therein by the end of March, 1996; and

(e) the number of said industrial units functioning at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) As per the Annual Survey of Industries, 1993-94, the total number of industrial units with an investment in Plant & Machinery of Rs. 5 crores and above were 15750. The total value of production of these units was Rs. 261212 crores. Total capital invested in these units was Rs. 261084 crores. These industries employed 3.688 million persons.

Based on the current industrial growth rates the total production of these units in 1995-96 at constant 1993-94 prices is estimated to be around Rs. 320 thousand crores. The total invested capital in these industries is estimated to be around Rs. 400 thousand crores. The total number of persons employed in these industries is estimated to have increased to 3.73 millions in 1995-96.

While the share of Heavy Industries in total export is not separately available the non SSI sector as a whole have a share of about 60% in total manufacturing export.

Problems faced by cement industry

966. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minsiter of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a RBI study has analysed that the cement production in 1996-97 is to be affected adversely by the increase in oil prices;

(b) the major problems being faced by the cement industry; and

(c) how Government intend to meet them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No such study has been conducted by RBI. However, while discussing in general about the cement industry in their "Report on Currency and Finance, 1995-96 Vol. I", RBI has mentioned that "given the high transport intensity of the cement industry, the cement production in 1996-97 is likely to be affected adversely by increase in oil prices."

(b) The major problems faced by cement industry are inadequate availability of good quality coal from indigenous sources, high cost of transportation and difficulty in timely movement of raw matrials as well as finished product and acute power shortage particularly in major cement producing States like Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka.

(c) The Government has taken many initiative for sorting out the problems of cement industry. Some of these are:—

(i) Launching of Own Your Wagons (OYW) Scheme by the Ministry of Railways for augmenting the availability of wagons for the cement industry;

(ii) Initiatives for setting up of Central Coal Washeries for improving the quality of coal for the cement industry;

(iii) Allowing the Cement industry to operate its own mines to ensure a steady supply of coal; and